

Communities for a Lifetime BMPs

Design

- Universal design, accessible buildings, along with development and design strategies that include zoning a mix of housing units/types such as mixing multi-family and accessory dwelling units with single family, allow people to stay in their neighborhoods as their housing needs change.
- Well design sidewalks and paths for pedestrian use with commercial, retail, health services, recreational, and entertainment need to be easily and readily available through walking or transit in addition to the private auto.
- Mixed use developments, zoning options, plans land use practices that bring variety/mix of housing services, opportunities within close convenient accessible proximity to one another.
- **Needs assessment** - An inventory of a community housing options, transportation options, health, retail and commercial services, entertainment and recreational opportunities is necessary to begin to determine what is available where, and what is needed to achieve a livable community design.
- **Land use controls** are available to communities to implement a livable community's strategy. Controls include **overlay zoning districts** allowing additional requirements to be imposed over a base zoning district. **Floating zones**, defined in a zoning ordinance, are not established until the appropriate project is proposed.